

## SENATE RESOLUTION 15

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sam Rickman for his astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding pharmacists who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality health care for the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable pharmacist is Sam Rickman, who has distinguished himself as a health care professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Trousdale County, Mr. Rickman earned his Pharmacy degree in 1962 from the University of Mississippi and decided to make Sumner County his home in 1964; and

WHEREAS, when Tommy Perkins, the owner of Perkins Drugs in Gallatin, decided to open a new location in Hartsville, Sam Rickman, with his superior credentials and natural leadership abilities, was the ideal pharmacist to operate the second store and became a full partner at this extraordinary institution in 1967; and

WHEREAS, today, under the skillful leadership of Mr. Rickman and his partners, Senator Ferrell Haile and Andrew Finney, Perkins Drugs and Gift Shoppe continues to grow and prosper and stands as the only independent pharmacy in the Gallatin community; and

WHEREAS, Sam Rickman is also a dedicated civic leader who has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with various civic organizations, including service as a valued member of the Gallatin Lions Club since 1967; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Rickman is a devoted member of the First Methodist Church in Gallatin, where he has faithfully served his Lord for many years; and

WHEREAS, Sam Rickman's remarkable success as a pharmacist and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Sam Rickman is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Amanda; their daughter, Joy; their son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Lesley; and their two grandchildren, Sam II and Will; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rickman truly epitomizes the ideal pharmacist and businessman who is wholly devoted to meeting the health care needs of his customers while providing them with the highest quality customer service, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Sam Rickman for his laudable and astute service to the people of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.